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Attorney Docket No. 1095.1161

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Patent Application of:

Mikio KAWAMOTO

Application No.: 09/788,473

Group Art Unit: 2141

Confirmation No.: 6202

Filed: February 21, 2001

Examiner: Hossain, Tanim M.

For: **ELECTRONIC-MAIL TRANSMISSION/RECEPTION APPARATUS HIERARCHIZING  
AND DISPLAYING ELECTRONIC MAILS BASED ON SPECIFIED CONDITION**

**REQUEST FOR REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
DUE TO PTO DELAY**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On February 9, 2005, an Office Action was issued in this application. Applicants timely responded to the Action by filing an Amendment After Final Rejection including Petition for One-Month Extension of Time on June 8, 2005.

There was no communication received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office by the fully-extended Notice of Appeal due date of August 9, 2005. Upon review of the USPTO PAIR system, it was noted that the Amendment had not been received. Applicants resubmitted the Amendment (including the PTO stamped postcard) via facsimile on August 5, 2005. Thus, Applicants were forced by the USPTO delay to file an RCE (including filing fees of \$790.00, and extension of time fees of \$900.00) on August 9, 2005 to keep the application alive.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested, because of the USPTO delay, that these fees in the amount of \$ 1690.00 be refunded to Deposit Account No. 19-3935 and that the Patent Office acknowledge this credit in writing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

To: **Commissioner for Patents  
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Title of Invention **ELECTRONIC-MAIL TRANSMISSION/RECEPTION APPARATUS  
HIERARCHIZING AND DISPLAYING ELECTRONIC MAILS BASED ON  
SPECIFIED CONDITION**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.

**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 8, 2005, resubmitted August 5, 2005

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

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**Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required).

b. ☐ Other

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on May 9, 2005. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 9, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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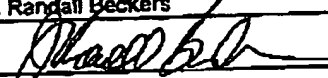
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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>		Attorney Docket No.	1096.1161		
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$520.00	Examiner Name	Hossain, Tanim M.		
<b>FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)</b>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	12	20 =	0	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	4 =	2	X \$200.00 =	400.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>February 9, 2005</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1020));					120.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					\$ 520.00
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